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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS OF THE SAME

**SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT (IPER)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed herewith is a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER). It is assumed that copies of the cited references as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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